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ACTION EA-14

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4593

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JEC PARIS

USIA WASHDC

SECDEF

USDAO SAIGON

DIRNSA FT GG MEADE MD

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DEPCHJUSMAGTHAI

CINCPACFLT

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CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

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56 SOW NKP
432 TRW UDORN
CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/ AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/ AIRA SVKT LAOS

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW, 388 TFW,
354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/ DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO

E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 18 JUNE 1973

REF: VIENTIANE 4378

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY - LOCAL DEFENSE FORCE AND APPROX 1,200
CIVILIANS WITHDREW FROM SAN SOAK ENCLAVE IN NORTHERN MR- III AFTER
ENEMY GROUND ATTACK. SHARP CLASH OCCURRED SOUTH OF PAKSE NEAR
SOUKHOUMA. ELSEWHERE, ONLY MINOR GROUND INCIDENTS REPORTED, AS
LOW LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY CONTINUED DURING THREE- DAY PERIOD
14-17 JUNE. RLAF FLEW NO COMBAT SORTIES. POLITICAL - IN AFTERMATH
OF SIGNING OF PARIS COMMUNIQUE, SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RLG
AND LPF APPEAR TO BE UNDERWAY. END SUMMARY

I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I AND II: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED.

B. MR III: MINOR ATTACK BY FIRE AGAINST SAN SOAK ENCLAVE ON 14
JUNE (NO CASUALTIES) WAS FOLLOWED BY ENEMY GROUND ATTACK ON 15
JUNE (ONE FRIEND WIA). LOCAL DEFENSE FORCE AND APPROX 1,200
CIVILIANS WITHDREW FROM THE ENCLAVE AND ARE REPORTEDLY MOVING
NORTHWEST TOWARD PHA HOM (SITE 241). ONE MINOR CLASH OCCURRED
WELL EAST OF KENGKOK ON 14 JUNE (NO CASUALTIES).

C. MR IV: ONE MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURRED MORNING 16 JUNE (0100 Z),
WHEN FRIENDLY COMPANY, SUPPORTED BY 77 ROUNDS HOWITZER FIRE,
CLASHED WITH ENEMY PLATOON, SUPPORTED BY 20 ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE,
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APPROX 5 KM SOUTHEAST OF SOUKHOUMA AT WB 919-159. ENEMY WITHDREW
WITH TWO WIA, WHILE FRIENDS REPORTED ONE SOLDIER AND SIX CIVI-
LIANS WIA. APPROX 30 KM NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE, PATROL
WITHDREW AFTER BEING FIRED UPON WHILE ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE POR-
TION OF ENEMY BARBED WIRE BARRIER ON 14 JUNE (NO CASUALTIES).
MINOR TEAM CLASH OCCURRED SOUTH OF PHIAFAY ON 15 JUNE (NO
CASUALTIES). ON BOLOVENS PLATEAU, ENEMY FIRED SMALL ARMS AT

FRIENDLY ELEMENT SOME 7 KM WEST OF PAKSONG ON 16 JUNE (NO CASUALTIES).

D. MR- V: FOUR FRIENDS MIA AFTER PATROL CLASH NORTHWEST OF VIENTIANE (REFTEL) WERE SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED TO BE KIA.

E. RLAF FLEW NO COMBAT SORTIES DURING WEEKEND 15-17 JUNE.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RLG AND LPF HAVE APPARENTLY RESUMED. FOLLOWING THE JUNE 14 INJUNCTION OF PRIME MINISTER TO ACCELERATE NEGOTIATIONS, RLG SENIOR NEGOTIATOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN AND LPF SENIOR ADVISER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT HAVE BEEN MEETING ON DAILY BASIS (SUNDAY EXCLUDED). AFTER HIS JUNE 15 MEETING WITH PHOUMI, PHENG TOLD CHARGE THAT PHOUMI HAD DISPLAYED MORE BUSINESS LIKE ATTITUDE AND THAT MEETING HAD BEEN " PRODUCTIVE." PHENG SAID THAT IN CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS, DISCUSSIONS WOULD COVER COALITION GOVERNMENT, JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL, NEUTRALIZATION OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG, AND, FINALLY, STRICTLY MILITARY ISSUES. PRIME MINISTER VISITED LUANG PRABANG OVER THE WEEKEND REPORTEDLY TO INFORM THE KING ON THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATION.

B. LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER NOUHAK AND HIS ENTOURAGE HAVE REACHED THE MECCA OF PROLETARIAN SPLENDOR, ALBANIA.
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